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SUBJECT: TRADE AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

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11. (Q Post continues to include monitoring and compliance of trade agreements as a priority in our planning and market access objectives. It is an important element in securing access for U.S. companies in one of America's largest export markets. The Department of Commerce Market Access and Compliance position in Tokyo, together with its FSN support position, play a central role in tracking and reporting on trade complaints and compliance issues, in coordination with the other sections and constituent posts in the Mission. As both these compliance positions are currently vacant, FCS is making best efforts to support compliance priorities, and looks forward to the expeditious staffing of these key positions, which will facilitate regular monitoring and reporting on compliance issues.

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